

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Mitsuhiro OSHIKI et al.  
Serial No.: 10/574,272  
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Title: ULTRASONIC PROBE, ULTRASONOGRAPHIC DEVICE, AND  
ULTRASONOGRAPHIC METHOD  
Group: 3737  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed December 10, 2010 and further to the Final Office Action dated August 6, 2010, and concurrently submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2;

**Remarks** are included beginning on page 8; and

**Authorization** is included on page 18.